

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
MORRISON C. ENGLAND, JR. (MCE)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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CIVIL LAW AND MOTION

Available Hearing Dates (subject to change without notice).

Hearing dates are NOT reserved. All hearing dates are at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom 7. Please file your motion(s) in accordance with the Local and Federal Rules of Court.

The following are available hearing dates for 2014:

October 2, 16, 30
November 13
December 4, 18

The following are available hearing dates for 2015:

January 8, 22
February 5, 19
March 5, 19
April 2, 16, 30
May 14, 28
June 11, 25
July 9, 23
August 6, 20
September 3, 17
October 1, 15, 29
November 12
December 3, 17

Page Limitations

As set forth in the Court's order requiring joint status report, any briefs or other papers filed prior to the issuance of the pretrial (status) scheduling order shall not exceed twenty (20) pages. As set forth in the Court's pretrial (status) scheduling order, the Court places a page limit on dispositive motions of twenty (20) pages on all initial moving papers, twenty (20) pages on oppositions, and ten (10) pages for replies. Any party wishing to file lengthier documents must first seek relief from said page limitation requirement from the Court.

Courtesy Copies

Pursuant to Local rule 133(f), please provide courtesy paper copies of all documents in excess of twenty-five (25) pages or fifty (50) pages for attachments and or exhibits. Delivery of courtesy copies should go directly to the Office of the Clerk (not to chambers) located on the 4th floor.

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Emailing of Proposed Orders

Pursuant to Local Rule 137(b), regarding the requirements for proper filing of a proposed order, you are required to email the proposed order (Microsoft Word) to chambers at: mceorders@caed.uscourts.gov, in addition to filing the pdf version via the CM/ECF system. The email must contain the case number in the subject line. Pursuant to Local Rule 101, the definition for signature, you may enter /s/ for signatures for all counsel.

Tentative Rulings

Chief Judge England DOES NOT issue tentative rulings.

Submitted Motions

Motions submitted by the Court without oral argument are noticed on the docket and public calendar not later than 2:00 p.m. the day before the hearing date. Please contact the Courtroom Deputy Clerk after this time if you have a question regarding a hearing on calendar.

Telephonic Appearance

Any party seeking to appear telephonically must file, for the Court's consideration, not later than seven (7) court days prior to the hearing date, a request to appear telephonically with a proposed order. Upon e-filing the request and proposed order, the proposed order must be emailed to Chief Judge England's email address, in accordance with Local Rule 137(b), for his review and approval at: mceorders@caed.uscourts.gov. The Eastern District of California does not utilize the services of Court Call.

Discovery Matters (including motions)

Pursuant to Local Rule 302, all discovery matters and other duties shall be noticed before the assigned magistrate judge, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

Ex Parte Applications

Ex parte applications submitted for the Court's consideration must include a proposed order and both are filed without a hearing date. If after review of the application the Court determines a hearing is necessary, the parties will be noticed accordingly.

CRIMINAL LAW AND MOTION

Available Hearing Dates (subject to change without notice)

Hearing dates are **NOT** reserved. All hearing dates, including motions, are at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 7. Please file your motion(s) in accordance with the Local and Federal Rules of Court.

The following are available criminal law and motion calendar dates for 2014:

October 7, 15, 23, 30
November 6, 12, 20
December 4, 11, 18

The following are available criminal law and motion calendar dates for 2015:

January 8, 15, 29
February 5, 12, 19, 26
March 5, 12, 19, 26
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
May 7, 14, 21, 28
June 4, 11, 18, 25
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
August 6, 13, 20, 27
September 3, 10, 17, 24
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
November 5, 12, 19
December 3, 10, 17

Request for Continuance and Proposed Order

The Court prefers the submission of a stipulation and proposed order on any matters that can be handled without an in-court hearing. Stipulations and proposed orders for continuances must be submitted not later than 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday prior to the hearing date, unless otherwise notified by the Courtroom Deputy Clerk. Pursuant to Local Rule 137(b), regarding the requirements for proper filing of a proposed order, you are required to email the proposed order (in Microsoft Word) to chambers at: mceorders@caed.uscourts.gov, in addition to filing the pdf version via the CM/ECF system. The email must contain the case number in the subject line. Pursuant to Local Rule 101, the definition for signature, you may enter /s/ for signatures for all counsel.

Interpreter Services

It is the responsibility of defense counsel to arrange for the services of an interpreter prior to the scheduled hearing date. It is also the responsibility of defense counsel to cancel the services of an interpreter prior to the scheduled hearing date. Interpreter services for a hearing may be arraigned by contacting Yolanda Riley-Portal, with the Court's Interpreter Office, at 916-930-4221 or YRiley-Portal@caed.uscourts.gov.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Trials

Presumptive trial hours, subject to adjustment based on the court's calendar are as follows. Motions in limine (criminal, prisoner cases, and pro se trials only), jury selection and the start of trial are on Monday from 9:00-4:30 p.m. The presentation of evidence is on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00-4:30 p.m. Jury deliberations are Monday through Friday from 9:00-4:30 p.m. The lunch recess is 12:00-1:30 p.m. Fifteen minute breaks are given at 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. If Monday is a holiday, trial commences on Tuesday of that week from 9:00-4:30 p.m.

To bring large physical items, demonstrative exhibits, or electronic equipment, etc., to the courtroom, counsel are to make arrangements through the Court Security Officers at (916) 930.2080.

Conference rooms are available on either side of the front courtroom doors for use during trial.

Trial documents as outlined in the final pretrial order should be submitted in Microsoft Word to: mceorders@caed.uscourts.gov according to the schedule set by that order.

Exhibits

The parties are directed to comply with the Court's final pretrial order regarding the preparation and submission of trial exhibits. Questions should be directed to the courtroom deputy. The parties are advised to mark their trial exhibits exactly as outlined in the final pretrial order. Exhibit stickers may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk located at 501 I Street, Suite 4-200, Sacramento, California 95814. Questions regarding exhibit stickers should be directed to the Office of the Clerk at 916-930-4000.

Lodging of Deposition Transcripts

The parties are directed to comply with the Court's final pretrial order regarding the use of and lodging deposition transcripts for trial. Questions should be directed to the Courtroom Deputy Clerk.

Audio Visual Equipment

Electronic evidence presentation systems are available for use by attorneys in courtrooms in the Eastern District. Information about the Court's Electronic Evidence Presentation Systems can be found on the Court's webpage under the Attorney Info tab, Electronic Evidence Presentation.

Attorneys should arrange through the courtroom deputy a date and time to meet with the court information technology staff for orientation and training on electronic equipment. Appointments should be scheduled at least one to two weeks prior to any confirmed motion hearing or trial date.